

FOREST ORDER

USDA FOREST SERVICE

Arapaho and Roosevelt National Forests
and Pawnee National Grassland
Boulder Ranger District

STAGE I FIRE RESTRICTIONS

Pursuant to 16 U.S.C. § 551 and 36 CFR § 261.50(a), the following acts are **prohibited**. Prohibitions Nos. 1 through 5, below, are **prohibited** on all National Forest System lands within the Arapaho and Roosevelt National Forests on the Boulder Ranger District in the State of Colorado . “Restricted Area #1” is in Boulder County as bounded on the west by State Highways 7 and 72; on the north by the Boulder County line; and on the south by State Highway 72 . The restricted area is depicted on the attached map, hereby incorporated into this Order as Exhibit A.

The purpose of this order is to protect public health and safety due to the current and anticipated elevated risk of wildfire.

PROHIBITIONS:

- 1) Building, maintaining, attending, or using a fire, campfire, barbecue, grill or stove fire. 36 CFR § 261.52(a).

EXCEPT: Building, maintaining, attending or using a fire in constructed, permanent fire pits or fire grates within developed recreation sites and the use of portable stoves, lanterns using gas, jellied petroleum, pressurized liquid fuel or a fully enclosed (sheepherder type) stove with a ¼” spark arrester type screen is permitted.

- 2) Smoking, except in an enclosed vehicle or building, a developed recreation site, or while stopped in an area at least three feet in diameter that is barren or cleared of all flammable materials. 36 CFR § 261.52(d).
- 3) Operating a chainsaw without a USDA or SAE approved spark arrester properly installed and in effective working order, a chemical pressurized fire extinguisher with a minimum rating of 2A kept with the operator, and one round point shovel with an overall length of at least 35 inches readily available for use. 36 CFR § 261.52(h).
- 4) Welding or operating acetylene or other torch with open flame except in cleared areas of at least 10 feet in diameter and in possession of a chemical pressurized fire extinguisher with a minimum rating of at least 2A. 36 CFR § 261.52(i).

- 5) Using an explosive. 36 CFR § 261.52 (b).

EXEMPTIONS:

Pursuant to 36 C.F.R. § 261.50 (e), the following persons are exempt from specified Prohibitions of this order:

- 1) Persons with a permit specifically authorizing the otherwise prohibited act or omission may be eligible for an exemption from Prohibitions #1, #3, #4, and #5.
- 2) Any federal, state or local officer, or member of an organized rescue or fire fighting force in the performance of an official duty is exempt from Prohibitions #1, #3, #4, and #5
- 3) Persons using a portable fire pit with approved screen are exempt from Prohibition #1.

Notice regarding Exemptions: Holders of valid permits, leases and authorizations are on notice that when proceeding with activities that are authorized pursuant to these Exemptions, such holders are responsible for conducting authorized activities in a safe and prudent manner using extra precautions and are electing to proceed at their own risk. An exemption does not absolve an individual or organization from liability or responsibility for damage, injury or loss to the United States for any fire started while undertaking the exempted activity.

This order becomes effective at 12:01 am on September 24, 2015, and will remain in force until rescinded or until December 31, 2015, whichever event occurs first.

Executed in Fort Collins, CO, on this 22nd day of September, 2015

/s/ Thomas C. Ford

for Ron Archuleta
Acting Forest Supervisor
Arapaho and Roosevelt National
Forests
Pawnee National Grassland

Violation of these prohibitions is punishable as a Class B misdemeanor by a fine of not more than \$5,000 for an individual or \$10,000 for an organizations, or imprisonment for more than six months, or both 16 U.S.C. § 551 and 18 USC §§ 3559 and 3571.